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A new commander took the reins at the Det. 7, 544th Information Operations Group April 24 then the detachment was renamed the 14th Information Warfare Flight May 1. The 14th IWF is the only IWF that supports and provides tailored reachback for U.S. Space Command. See story and photos on pages 14-15.

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# General Elliott retires after 28 years

*"To all the men and women of the Air Intelligence Agency and Eighth Air Force — my heartfelt thanks, respect, and admiration for getting the job done worldwide in defense of this nation. You are the best! No one comes close!"*

*By TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday  
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In ceremonies June 29 at the Ardisana Courtyard at the Air Intelligence Agency, Brig. Gen. Carol Elliott retired with more than 28 years of Air Force service.

She spoke of how it was only fitting that she retire on the same date that she graduated from Officer Training School at Lackland during a Friday morning commissioning parade at Lackland AFB in 1973. She also reminisced about the wonderful adventure that she and her husband had lived getting to this retirement ceremony.

"I joined the Air Force looking for a challenging job, a chance to travel, and career opportunities — a perfect match for the Air Force," she said. "In 1973, I felt the Air Force was an overlooked opportunity for women and it still is. The Air Force has been

and still is a great way of life.

With 66,000 women serving in the United States Air Force, only 12 are generals. General Elliott was the sixth ranked woman general.

Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright, AIA commander, officiated during the ceremony. "Today we celebrate and honor a warrior who has always been 'in the fight,'" he said. "In the 1970s she briefed and debriefed combat reconnaissance aircrews in Southeast Asia. In the 1980s she excelled as one of NATO's top nuclear operations planners in Europe. In the 1990s she directed the United States' largest military collection operation, tasking over 4,100 reconnaissance missions to monitor the North Korean threat."

General Wright also spoke about General Elliott leading combined intelligence forces at the CAOC in Vicenza for NATO air operations over the Balkans and the resumption of airstrikes in Bosnia.

"As a general, she directed current intelligence operations for the chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and the

Secretary of Defense during the Air War over Serbia," he said. "Without a doubt, she is one of our warriors who has always marched 'to the sound of the guns.'"

By the time she was promoted to captain she had completed two remote assignments, held two Air Force specialty codes and graduated from Squadron Officer School as a distinguished graduate. General Elliott has witnessed first hand many changes and improvements during her career.

"One of the biggest changes that I've seen is the explosion of threat information and the challenges to apply it to global operations," she said. "On my first assignment, I briefed aircrews flying combat reconnaissance missions in Southeast Asia. I only had to focus on three enemy missile systems and four types of enemy aircraft and get through the daily paper read file. Quantum leaps in information technologies have given us amazing reachback capabilities and virtual operations; however, the challenges to get the right informa-



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Brig. Gen. Carol Elliott, retiring AIA vice commander, furls the one-star flag during the retirement ceremony, with help from her husband, Dave, and SSgt. Jeanetta Hall.



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*Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright  
AIA commander*

tion to the right people at the right time are daunting."

During her military career, the general has held positions as an intelligence analyst, targeting officer, collection manager and had assignments in Air Staff Force Management and Security. She has directed intelligence activities in all three combat air force major commands. She also commanded a 2,700-member intelligence group in the Pacific with subordinate units in Alaska, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Guam, Thailand and Australia.

"My favorite assignment was my first one to Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand," she said. "It gave me a terrific start in the Air Force - briefing and debriefing combat aircrews flying over Laos and Cambodia. It gave me an outstanding opportunity to understand core Air Force missions and operations. It also gave me a great personal opportunity to begin seeing the world." I used all of my remote tour 30-days of leave on an elephant safari in Nepal and travel to India, Hong Kong and Thailand."

Over the course of her career she has lived in five countries and was TDY to more than 20 others.

"Five years before I was commissioned, women were prohibited from holding the permanent grade of colonel," she said. "So, I greatly benefited from changes in law, assign-

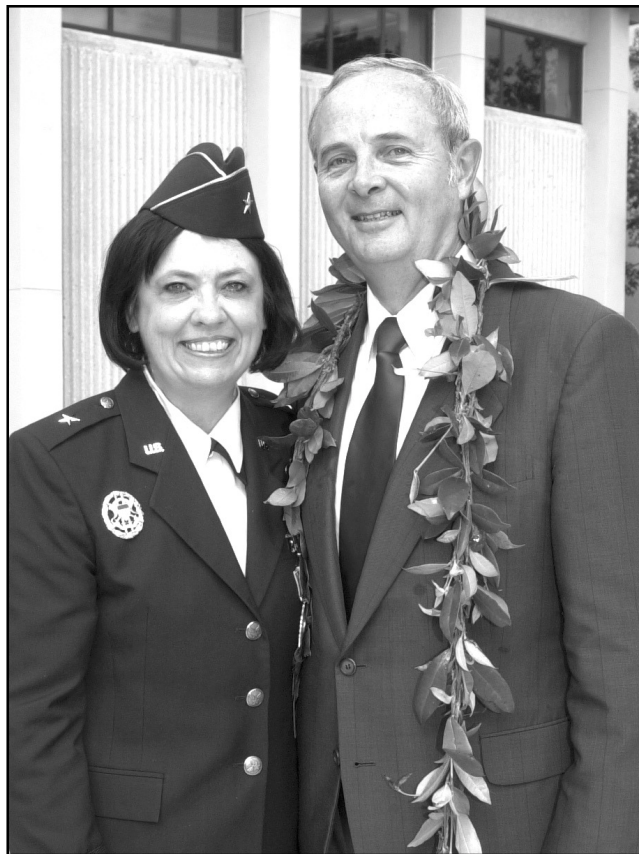
ment policies, and PME programs which allowed me to compete for school, command, and promotion. When I entered the Air Force, less than three percent of the officers were women. I realized early on that I was always going to be one of very few women in my year group. After awhile, I stopped worrying about it and just assumed I would be the only woman in my class, flight, section, office, or conference."

When it came time to honor her spouse, as part of the retirement ceremony, General Elliott made remarks about her husband worrying about being presented a bouquet of flowers. Breaking from tradition, General Elliott presented him with a chief's lai of tea leaves, a tradition from her first duty assignment.

"The Elliott team has been on a great Air Force adventure," she said. "Now, it's time to make some other dreams come true."

General and Mr. Dave Elliott are headed to Montana for retirement, where they plan to enjoy fishing, hunting and kayaking.

"To all the men and women of the Air Intelligence Agency and Eighth Air Force — my heartfelt thanks,



*Brig. Gen. Carol and Dave Elliott, wearing his chief's lai, at the retirement ceremony June 29 at Ardisana Courtyard.*

respect, and admiration for getting the job done worldwide in defense of this nation," she said. "You are the best! No one comes close!"

Col. James Massaro, former 67th Information Operations Wing commander, will serve as the acting AIA vice commander until Brig. Gen. Neal Robinson arrives. General Robinson is no stranger to AIA, having last served here from 1995-1996 as director of operations.

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# Gaebel takes command of 67th IOW

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Col. Roger Gaebel took the reins of the 67th Information Operations Wing from Col. James Massaro in a change of command ceremony at the Air Intelligence Agency courtyard June 25.

Wing personnel from around the globe participated in the event where Gaebel assumed command by accepting the wing guidon from Lt. Gen. Thomas Keck, Eighth Air Force commander.

"It's a real honor to be here with the members of the wing and the wonderful folks of San Antonio to celebrate this change of command between two great leaders," said Keck. "Although you're losing one great info warrior, you're gaining another to take the helm as your new commander.

"As the Air Force's first and only information operations wing, warriors of the 67th work in the high-speed role of providing battle space awareness and achieving information superiority with a global reach," added Keck.

Gaebel comes to the wing from AIA's Plans and Programs directorate where he served as the director of stra-



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*Lt. Gen. Thomas Keck, 8th Air Force commander, at left, hands the 67th IOW guidon to Col. Roger Gaebel, incoming commander during ceremonies in San Antonio June 25.*

tegic planning. As a career intelligence officer, he has performed duties at the unit, air operations center, MAJCOM and Air Force levels and commanded both at the squadron and group levels.

"As you reach a certain level in our Air Force, it truly becomes a family affair," said Gaebel. "I've been blessed with a family who has extraordinary patience and understanding. When I asked Mrs. G (Gaebel) if we could extend our family to 5,200 this time, somehow I knew she would say yes."

Commenting on the heat and vowing to keep his speech short, Gaebel asked his newly extended family to remember only two words — family and teamwork. "Let's continue to treat each other with respect and dignity. Take care of each other like all good families do.

"As for teamwork, just know that I value it greatly. I value it because no single organization can possibly satisfy the nearly insatiable appetite that exists today for information to make decisions better and quicker than those who wish to do our nation harm."

Aside from taking care of the people, Keck stated Gaebel's other chal-

lenge would be to lead the 67th Wing toward complete horizontal integration of the AWACS, JSTARS and Rivet Joint platforms with the bomber force.

"There is an enormous opportunity to bring together 'information and iron'," said Keck. "We see tremendous synergies in the force we're building at the Mighty Eighth. Following Gen. John Jumper's lead, we're building the Global Strike Task Force so we can strike an enemy within '8 seconds with electrons or 18 hours with steel on target'."

Keck also credited Massaro, who now serves as the AIA vice commander, and the wing's direct support to combat operations in Kosovo as being "on time, on target."

It was also under this regime that "coalition pilots began to refer to the RC-135s as the 'Voice of God' because of the superb intel that was being provided — resulting in uncontested air superiority in the Balkans," said Keck. "Let me say that no other unit I know of has ever had to oversee critical operations in three theaters simultaneously."



# 544th IOG volunteers assist with tornado cleanup

*By SSgt. Julie Gotsch  
544th IOG  
Peterson AFB, Colo.*

On Memorial Day 2001, a tornado ripped through the Colorado community of Ellicott, a small town about 20 miles east of Peterson AFB, leaving the town's high school, many homes and vehicles destroyed.

The twister occurred at about 7 p.m., leaving a sporadic path of destruction, but miles of debris. The tornado caused the majority of damage, but large hail, and several inches of rain



*544th IOG members pick up following a destructive tornado near Peterson AFB.*

added to the destruction.

The steel roof of the high school was ripped off and carried more than 400 yards across the street into an open field. The twisted roof came to rest in three large sections that weighed about two tons each.

Two mobile home parks were also destroyed. Personal effects from destroyed homes were spread everywhere. Telephone poles, trees, and fences were snapped, uprooted and blown in all directions.

Members from the 544th Information Operations Group quickly responded and volunteered to clean up Ellicott and help the community recover.

"The damage is unbelievable," TSgt. Mike Widner said. "It is a miracle that the school roof landed in an open field and not on someone's house."

544th IOG members spent the day picking up debris scattered in the 130-acre field across the street from the high school.

Bricks, glass, and small pieces of metal were of top priority to ensure no dangerous objects would be swept up by future inclement weather.

Local volunteers used trucks to haul smaller pieces of debris to a nearby disposal area. The town is still working to determine who will remove the larger objects and steel.



## New commander takes reins at 668th

**photo by Boyd Belcher**

Col. Gilly Marshall, former 690th Information Operations Group commander, at left, hands the guidon to Maj. Edward Zick, incoming 668th Logistics Squadron commander. At the far right is Lt. Col. Dexter Handy, outgoing commander who is headed for Germany. Zick comes to the 668th from Headquarters United States Air Forces Europe at Ramstein where he was the chief of C4 Resources Branch assigned to the Directorate for Communications and Information.

# AIA hosts first 8D000 utilization, training workshop

*By MSgt Alfred Rosario  
HQ AIA/DOOO  
Lackland AFB, Texas*

Headquarters Air Intelligence Agency held the first-ever Utilization and Training Workshop for the 8D000 Linguist Debriefer/Interrogator Special Experience Identifier in San Antonio, Texas, March 28-30.

Experts and advisors from Air Staff, Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Reserve Command, Air Force Information Warfare Center, Defense Intelligence Agency, AIA and various field units contributed their depth of experience towards this long-awaited milestone. The previously uncoordinated method in training our 8D000s has presented a tremendous challenge to functional managers in regards to guidance, resources and utilization. This has often resulted in less than desired outcomes.

Individuals retrain into the 8D000 specialty to conduct human resources intelligence activities for Air Force and Department of Defense missions worldwide. It's a highly dynamic and exciting special duty. Although we accept candidates from any career field, most successful 8D000s have previous 1NXXX experience and listen, read and speak at least one foreign language -- many 8D000s are in fact multilingual.

AIA and DIA functional managers decided to do something about the problem and agreed to unite our efforts -- starting with a U&TW. As AIA's HUMINT functional manager and 8D000 Air Force career field advisor, I was charged with building a team of managers and subject matter experts from across the 8D000 community. Our charter included drafting a Career Field Education and Training Plan, coordinating with all stakeholders and forwarding it to Air Staff officials for approval.

Three years of hard work and persistence by 20 diverse, passionate professionals paid off when we met for the U&TW. We came together as a team,

built consensus and got the job done.

Having one of the smallest career fields in the Air Force was a formidable barrier in sparking interest and commitment levels sufficient to complete this daunting task. Behind the scenes, there were many administrative hurdles to overcome and a heavy emotional drain involved in developing a new CFETP.

"What's truly noteworthy is that other U&TWs can baseline off of previous U&TWs and CFETPs -- the 8D000 specialty had no previous benchmark," said SMSgt. Tim Kenney, 8D000 Air Force career field manager. "The main goal of the U&TW was to develop a comprehensive road map with measurable training standards and understandable career progression. Additionally, a structured training plan will ensure that all 8D000s have the necessary skills to successfully perform their duties."

Since requirements for duty positions filled by 8D000s have never been formally stated, the U&TW group formalized the specialty under a number of specific positions. Structuring the specialty in this manner facilitates on-the-job training and provides visible career options.

Other decisions/recommendations the group made included:

❑ Revised specialty qualifications (per Air Force Manual 36-2108);

❑ Redefined entry and master competency levels;

❑ Defined specific duty position subtasks;

❑ Identified technical and supplemental training requirements; and

❑ Discussed correspondence course needs.

This is the first step of what is a comprehensive process. Subsequent to implementation and institutionalization, the CFETP will then guide all future Linguist Debriefer training, allowing the Air Force and Department of Defense to maximize efficiency and utilization of 8D000s.

The CFETP is a living, breathing document that is updated at follow-on U&TWs. Before concluding the U&TW, the group assigned action items and suspenses to achieve desired results. This is another example of people working together to achieve great things for the Air Force, Department of Defense and our country. This training plan is absolutely essential and is a huge leap forward for the Air Force.

For those interested in 8D000 duty, please contact SMSgt. Peter Oettinger, AFELM DIA, DSN 923-2134, Ext. 7773, commercial (301) 677-2134, Ext. 7773, or me at DSN 969-2547, commercial (210) 977-2547.



8D000 U&TW participants are identified from left to right: SSgt. Alexander Lobo, MSgt. Alfred Rosario, Mr. Gary Malanchuk, SMSgt. James Steed, SSgt. Dave Byers, TSgt. Linda Lowry, SMSgt. Peter Oettinger, SMSgt. Efrain Laboy, SSgt. Andrea Graves, MSgt. Kenneth Davis, and SMSgt. Tim Kenney. Not pictured: CMSgt. Rebecca Erickson, MSgt. Edgar Giraldo and MSgt. Sonia Gonzalez.



# 566th IOS sponsors First Term Airmen's Conference

*SSgt. Walter Wohlford  
566th IOS  
Peterson AFB, Colo.*

The 566th Information Operations Squadron recently held its first First Term Airmen's Conference April 13.

The event was held at the Wings Over the Rockies Aviation & Space Museum, located at the former Lowry AFB. The main goal of the FTAC was retention for first term airmen.

The conference gave an opportunity for first termers to hear various speakers discuss the benefits of making the Air Force a career decision.

"The conference was very informative, sparked esprit de corps, and helped me reconsider my career decisions in the Air Force," said A1C Bernard Lampe. At the conference, airmen were able to get together in a casual environment and discuss various issues. It was a full day planned with guest speakers, breakfast, lunch and a tour of the museum.

A decorated group of distinguished speakers included Brig. Gen. Ronald Sega, retired Naval Capt. Mike McGrath, retired CMSgt. James Flaschenriem, Col. Gregory Roman, 544th IOG commander; Col. Craig Whitehead, Buckley AFB commander; Lt. Col. Robert Bertino, 566th IOS commander; and CMSgt. Randy Edwards, 821st Space Group superintendent.

The day began with Roman providing a thorough history of the Air Intelligence Agency. His presentation detailed major transitional periods to include the recent major command change to Air Combat Command.

Flaschenriem's briefing came next. Chief "Flash" was promoted to chief master sergeant Dec. 1, 1959, one of the first 620 men to be promoted to chief. Promoted with 11 years service to chief, he holds the official record of fastest promotion to chief master sergeant. He held everyone's attention with his shared experiences throughout his career. He retired in 1968 after more than eight years as a chief.

"I appreciated Chief Flaschenriem and his insight on how far the Air Force has come," Lampe said. "We don't readily see our heritage and we take for granted our daily benefits."

The chief's presentation rendered a sense of pride among those present. Humbled and grateful for his opportunity to serve, Flaschenriem expressed his appreciation to be among so many young airmen. The progress the Air Force has made as a service was quite evident by the chief's words of wisdom.

All eyes then focused on retired Naval Capt. Mike McGrath. McGrath was a prisoner of war for six years at the infamous "Hanoi Hilton." A dead silence fell upon the conference as airmen listened to him describe the torture and injuries he suffered as a prisoner of war. A naval pilot flying A-4C

"Skyhawk's," McGrath was on his 179th combat mission when he was shot down by enemy gunfire June 30, 1967.

McGrath emphasized how most POWs just wanted to return to duty once freed from captivity. He and fellow POWs didn't want sympathy or special treatment; they just wanted to continue to serve their country. Though McGrath served in the Navy, his message was clear to all present. Whether we serve four years or 30 years, appreciate the freedoms we have and take pride in our service to our country.



*Retired CMSgt. James Flaschenriem, one of the first 620 airmen to be promoted to chief, spoke to the airmen attending the first FTAC.*

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*It's important for our airmen to know all their benefits and opportunities that the Air Force can provide. If only one of these airmen re-enlists, we accomplished our goal.*

*TSgt. Edward Swedyk  
FTAC organizer*

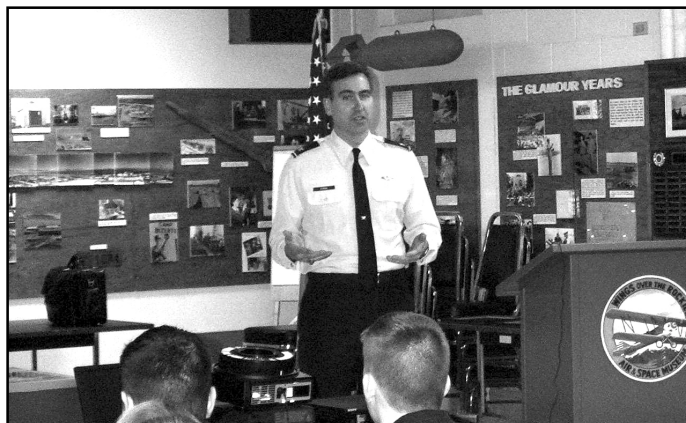
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McGrath retired from the Navy in January 1987, with more than 25 years service.

Two-time shuttle astronaut General Ronald Sega, narrated a slide show that displayed pictures from both his shuttle missions. He flew his first mission in 1994 aboard Space Shuttle Discovery, and his second shuttle mission was aboard the Atlantis in 1996. While aboard the Atlantis, General Sega served as the payload commander. He also had the opportunity to dock with the Russian Space Station Mir. General Sega has flown more than 4,000 combined flight hours with the Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and NASA.

Whitehead, the 821st SG commander, briefly discussed the future plans of Buckley. He addressed specific quality of life issues late last year through a survey mailed out to Buckley members.

In the near future, a base carwash, a larger fitness



*Col. Gregory Roman, 544th IOG commander, spoke about AIA's heritage, including AIA's recent realignment.*

center, and base housing are all projected. Whitehead told airmen, "All of these quality of life improvements are for you. I'm here to make your lives better whether it be at work, in the dorms or during off duty hours."

Closing the conference was Edwards. He entertained the audience with a humorous approach on how the enlisted force is the backbone of the Air Force. He challenged all first termers to strive to be their best and serve proudly. Coming from an enlisted point of view, the audience seemed to relate to the chief's enthusiasm and pride.

TSgt. Edward Swedyk, organizer for the event, said, "I wanted to give airmen the chance to consider the Air Force as a career. It's important for our airmen to know all their benefits and opportunities that the Air Force can provide. If only one of these airmen re-enlists, we accomplished our goal. This First Term Airmen's Conference is a success in more than one way. It was great to listen to a portion of our history, our present, and future plans of the Air Force."

The next First Term Airmen's Conference is planned for early 2002.



*Lt. Col. Robert Bertino, 566th IOS commander, challenged airmen to be their best.*



# Giving back to community

## Makes children, members smile

*compiled by Det. 5, 544th IOG members  
Pentagon, D.C.*

A recent trip to the National Children's Medical Center, located in Washington, D.C., gave three Det. 5, 544th Information Operations Group members a different perspective on life.

MSgt. George Duncan, SSgt. Stephanie Shoram and TSgt. Camron Cochran visited the children's ward of the hospital and "brought smiles to the children", said Jayme King, NCMC administrator.

Members handed out stickers, bookmarks and a variety of small toys to both bedridden and children traveling in the corridors.

According to King, the NCMC houses 279 inpatient beds, 40 of which are dedicated to a neonatal nursery, and utilizes the most state-of-the-art equipment available.

The hospital is a leader in the development of innovative new treatments for childhood illness and injury, focusing on the medical care of infants and children who require hospitalization for treatment of a wide variety of medical or surgical conditions.

The hospital serves as the regional referrals center for pediatric emergency trauma cases, as well as cancer, burn, neonatal and critical care.

"The children who were visited perked up when we entered the room," Cochran said. "Some children

have only seen military members on television or in the movies. The visit allowed us to get out from behind our desks and help in the community. Everyone agreed that this was an opportunity not to be missed."

"It allows us the opportunity to give back to the community in a fulfilling way," Shoram said.

"It is amazing what an hour or two out of your day can do for someone else who is sick or bedridden," Duncan said.

"It was funny to see the children running from friend to friend seeing what each other received and sometimes exchanging gifts. The parents of the children were also pleased to see military members who cared."



## Reenlisting in style

*SSgt. Keith Lamar, at right is reenlisted by 2nd Lt. Justin Adams, before a San Antonio Missions baseball game at the Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium. They are both from the 690th CSS at Lackland AFB, Texas.*



photo by SSgt. Kris Brown

ABOVE: Members of the 694th Intelligence Group Honor Guard prepare to raise the flag for Air Force Day of Armed Forces Week at Fort Meade, Md. AT RIGHT: One of the original Tuskegee Airmen autographs memorabilia during an Armed Forces Week luncheon at the MWR Fest tent May 15 at Fort Meade, Md.



# Misawa airman takes gold in boxing

**SSgt. Marcus McDonald**  
35th FW, Public Affairs  
Misawa AB, Japan

A senior airman from the 301st Intelligence Squadron is on his way to the next level of boxing competition after winning the gold medal in the feather-weight division at the 2001 Armed Forces Boxing Championships in February.

James Dubois travels to Dublin, Ireland, in September to compete against other boxers throughout the world in the 125-pound weight class at the 2001 Conseil International du Sport Militaire, or CISM, championships.

Before landing a spot at the CISM

championships, Dubois had to first garner victories at the Air Force Boxing Championships at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, and the Armed Forces Boxing Championships at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

"James defeated two boxers at the Air Force level and then went on to defeat the Marine champion, which at that time was ranked sixth in the nation, at the armed forces competition," said Adam Watts, Dubois' coach and coach of the 2001 Air Force Boxing Team. "That win qualified him to compete in the CISM Championships."

In preparation for each event, strict training was a daily routine for Dubois.

"I trained really hard, probably harder than anyone else," he said. "I've always felt that I have to train harder than the person I'm going to be fighting in order to win. Since I don't know how much he is training, I train until my body doesn't want to go anymore."

The coach believes Dubois has great potential.

"James is young and is constantly improving," Watts said. "He's a 2004 Olympic hopeful if he keeps on training hard and staying active. He has a very good chance of making the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team."



Photo by Boyd Belcher  
Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright, 8th Air Force deputy commander for information operations and Air Intelligence Agency commander, hands the 690th Information Operations Group guidon to Lt. Col. Rebecca Gentry, incoming commander, during ceremonies June 20. In her previous assignment she was the director, Plans and Policy, principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Business and Information Management, and Deputy Air Force Chief Information Officer, Secretary of the Air Force, Washington D.C. Pictured at center is MSgt. J.D. Davis, 690th Support Squadron first sergeant.



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# Change of command isn't the only change for Det. 7, 544th IOG

*By TSgt. Kim Kennedy  
14th IWF, 544th IOG  
Vandenberg AFB, Calif.*

A new commander took the reins for the Det. 7, 544th Information Operations Group April 24.

Maj. Constance Meskill assumed command for the 10-person team that provides full-service information warfare support to the 14th Air Force commander in his warfighting component role as commander of U.S. Space Command Air Forces.

Academically, Meskill holds a bachelor's degree in international affairs and a master's degree in middle eastern studies. She is a distinguished graduate of the Intelligence Officer Basic Course and has completed the Intelligence Applications Officer Course.

Col. Gregory Roman, commander of the Air Combat Command's 544th Information Operations Group at Peterson AFB, Colo., handpicked Meskill for her current post. Gregory met Meskill during her last assignment as the Readiness Flight commander of the 607th Air Intelligence Squadron, Osan AB, South Korea. He said she'd built a solid reputation during her previous intelligence assignments at the Pentagon.

"She knows the business and does it well," he said. Highlighting the importance of her current unit's role, Roman said, "Air Combat Command announced that, as of May 1, Det. 7 is officially recognized as an information warfare flight." There are only seven units like the 14th IWF in

the Air Force, but the 14th IWF is the only one that supports and provides tailored reachback for U.S. Space Command.

The IWF also provides technical intelligence support for a segment of the space control mission. "What impresses me most about this team is their intelligence and the vision they have for how we integrate into the 14th Air Force's space war fighting mission," Meskill said.

There have been many changes to the now 14th Information Warfare

Flight.

It began back in October 1996 as an operating location with just two members. On April 1, 1998, it was activated as Det. 7, 544th Intelligence Group (the only AIA asset to work with Air Force Space Command), it had gained one new member, bringing the total force to three people.

By the end of 1998, the detachment had reached its highest level with eight positions authorized and eight members assigned. Effective Feb. 1, 2001, with the realignment of AIA under Air Combat Command, Det. 7, 544th IOG realigned under the 67th Information Operations Wing, and the 8th Air Force. On April 24, 2001, along with the assumption of command, Roman, with the help of Maj. Gen. William Looney, 14th Air Force commander, cut the ribbon to the new Information Warfare Flight's SCIF.

The final change happened on May 1, 2001 when the detachment



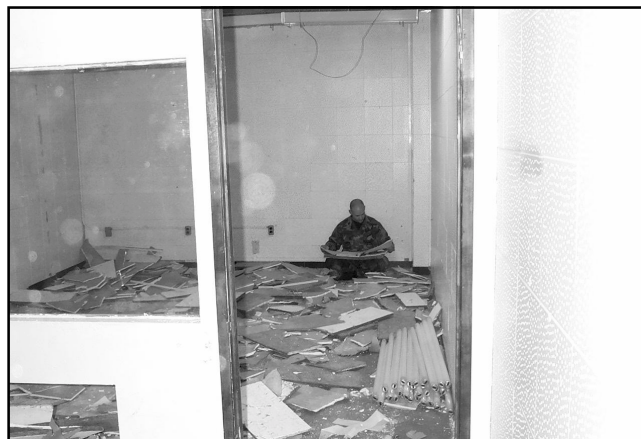
*Maj. Constance Meskill assumed command of the Det. 7, 544th IOG April 24, now recognized as the 14th Information Warfare Flight. Col. Gregory Roman, 544th IOG commander, at left, officiated.*

became the 14th Information Warfare Flight and it will grow, over the next year, to a 24-person team.

Although the 14th IWF currently has 12 people, it will carry the load of a full IWF along with their mission in the

special technical operations of the 614th Space Operations Group. Their primary mission is to support the 14th Air Force with information in warfare and information warfare products. Their secondary mission is to be the

focal point for all other IWFs and NAFs for space-related issues. The 14th IWF provides reachback to regional IWFs and also to the 8th Air Force for space planning and execution.



AT LEFT: Maj. Gen. William Looney, 14th Air Force commander, and Col. Gregory Roman, 544th IOG commander, cut the ribbon, officially opening the 14th Information Warfare Flight at Vandenberg. ABOVE: Maj. Rob Spitznagel, former commander, sits in the middle of SCIF construction at its beginning..

AT LEFT & BELOW: Photos of the 14th IWF in various stages of completion.



General Looney speaks to those gathered for the official grand opening of the 14th IWF.



# AFTAC honors top performers for 2000



The guest speaker for the AFTAC annual awards banquet was CMSgt. Donald Hatcher, AIA's command chief master sergeant.

*By SMSgt. Fred Hagans  
AFTAC/PA  
Patrick AFB, Fla.*

The Air Force Technical Applications Center honored its outstanding achievers for the year 2000 at the annual AFTAC Awards Banquet held in May.

The awards represented accomplishments from the Air Force, Air Intelligence Agency, and AFTAC levels. Earning Air Force recognition was SSgt. Edward Pineda, 9S100 Technician of the Year; MSgt. Eric Patterson (Det. 415), 9S100 Manager/Supervisor of the Year; and Craig Cox, Comptroller of the Year. Other winners included the following:

*Air Intelligence Agency  
2000 AIA Training Manager  
MSgt. Kimberly Todd*

*2000 AIA Supply Support Staff NCO  
MSgt. Steve Decker*

*2000 AIA Security Forces Support Staff NCO  
TSgt. Scott Hartzell*

*2000 AIA Communications Officer  
Capt. Kelley Cardinale*

*2000 AIA's Logistics Plans Award, NCO  
TSgt. Jose Dieppa*

*Henry E. Erwin Outstanding Aircrew  
Member Award  
Senior NCO  
MSgt. Christopher Wolfe*

*NCO  
SSgt. Edward Pineda*

*2000 Outstanding Financial Manage-  
ment and Comptroller Office  
AFTAC/XPB*

*AFTAC Annual Awards  
Airman of the Year  
SrA. Brandi Hicks*

*NCO of the Year  
TSgt. Kimberly Todd*

*Senior NCO of the Year  
MSgt. Scott McMiller*

*Company Grade Officer of the Year  
Capt. Kelley Cardinale*

*Junior-level Civilian of the Year  
Ms. Stephanie Fisher*

*Mid-level Civilian of the Year  
Ms. Deborah Carson*

*Senior-level Civilian of the Year  
Ms. Deborah Ward*

*Alumnus of the Year  
Mr. Benjamin Vlassick*

*AFTAC Annual Specialty Awards  
AFTAC Information Professionals:  
Senior NCO  
MSgt. Jose Padilla*

*NCO  
SSgt. Brian Moore*

*Airman  
SrA. Nickole S. Bush*

*AFTAC Communications Professionals:  
Officer  
Capt. Kelley Cardinale*

*Senior NCO  
MSgt. Charles Curtis*

*NCO  
TSgt. Wayne Rook*

*Airman  
SrA. Brandi Hicks*

*First Sergeant of the Year  
SMSgt. Dennis Gilroy*

*Education & Training Manager of the Year  
MSgt. Kimberly Todd*

*Staff Supply NCO of the Year  
MSgt. Stephen Decker*

*Logistics Plans NCO of the Year  
TSgt. Jose Dieppa*

*Security Forces NCO of the Year  
SSgt. Scott Hartzell*

*AFTAC Functional Area Awards  
Mission Support, Enlisted & Jr. Civilian  
SSgt. Brian Moore*

*Scientific, Engineering, and Technical  
Applications, Enlisted & Jr. Civilian  
SSgt. Edward Pineda*

*Scientific, Engineering & Technical Applica-  
tions Support, Officer & Sr. Civilian  
Mr. Mark Herte*

*Logistics, Information Systems & Communica-  
tions Support, Enlisted & Jr. Civilian  
SrA. Edward Pruett*

*Logistics, Information Systems, and Commu-  
nications Support, Officer & Sr. Civilian  
Capt. Frederick W. Millet, Jr.*

*Plans, Operations, and Operations Support,  
Enlisted & Jr. Civilian  
SrA. Stanley Charamut, Jr.*

*Plans, Operations, and Operations Support,  
Officer & Sr. Civilian  
Capt. Terry Evans*

# Coaching experience pays off for NCO

**By SMSgt. Fred Hagans**  
AFTAC Public Affairs  
Patrick AFB, Fla.

Sometimes just saying "yes" leads to bigger and better things. Such was the case for TSgt. Thomas Highsmith, who recently had the honor of serving as an assistant coach for the Air Force Women's Basketball Team.

Highsmith, the NCOIC of Visual Information Service with the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Fla., was one of three coaches selected to head the Air Force team in the interservice competition held in Quantico, Va., in April. The opportunity for Highsmith was due largely to his willingness to take on the challenge of coaching nearly 10 years ago while assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

"Our squadron needed someone to coach the intramural men's basketball team. I knew the game of basketball so I volunteered to coach," Highsmith said. The result

was four consecutive championships for the squadron team. "I grew up with basketball, and I love teaching the game to others," he added.

Highsmith's decision to apply for a coaching spot with the interservice squad was prompted by a request from the team's head coach who was a long-time friend and foe of Highsmith's during his earlier years of coaching.

"He asked me to submit my resume for a coaching position. I was one of two assistant coaches selected for the team," he said. Highsmith's duties included preparing practices, game plans, and providing game input. "As a first-year coach for the team I was also the team's designated bus driver," he laughed.

As for the Air Force team's performance, they took second place behind Army, finishing the tournament at 3-3, losing to Army in the championship game 79-78. "It was the only

game in the tournament that Army didn't win by at least 10 points," Highsmith said, expressing his optimism for next year. To that end he's already making

plans for coaching next year, having hit the recruiting trail by contacting players he's previously coached, and recommending they tryout for the Air Force 2002 team.

## Skivvy Niner earns both stripes, bars

**By SSgt. Tim Miller**  
303rd IS  
Osan AB, Korea

June 12 brought good news for TSgt. Thomas Nipper on two fronts. His name appeared on the master sergeant promotion list and the Officer Training School selection list.



*Lt. Col. Kevin Hopkins, 303rd IS commander, at left, presents TSgt. Thomas Nipper with master sergeant stripes and a symbolic set of*

Nipper, a signals analyst, joined the Air Force May 24, 1990. Before joining he attended the University of Florida.

From 1990 to 2000 he earned two Community College of the Air Force degrees and then in January 2000 he decided to get serious about completing his bachelor's degree. In 10 months he completed his degree and graduated from Regent's College on Oct. 20, 2000, with a bachelor of science liberal arts degree

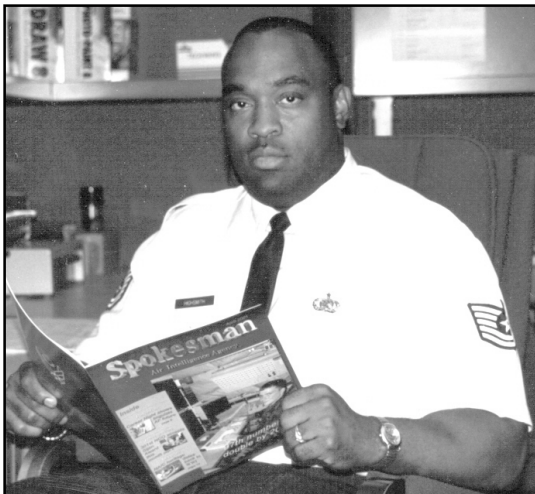
emphasizing in management and history.

He PCSed to the 303<sup>rd</sup> Intelligence Squadron at Osan AB, Korea, in August 2000 where he works as a surveillance and warning center flight reporter.

When asked how he completed his degree in such a short time, Nipper said, "I basically completed 42 credit hours in seven months by taking DANTES tests and Regent's college examinations. This primarily involved borrowing textbooks from my friends, reading them to prepare for tests, and attending regular school. I also used the internet extensively to study and prepare for the tests."

When asked which road he will choose now, Nipper said, "I plan on going to OTS. I made becoming an officer my goal. That's why I got serious about college. I studied for master because I believe in hedging my bets. There was no guarantee that I'd be picked for OTS."

Nipper plans on becoming an intelligence officer.



*TSgt. Thomas Highsmith*



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*An unidentified member of the 426th serves during chem gear volleyball competition.*

**By 1st Lt Shawn Keng**  
426th IOS  
Ramstein AFB, Germany

With chem gear in one hand and an Air Force Manual 10-100 in the other, the airmen of the 426th Information Operations Squadron assembled in the unit's compound to begin what would be an educational, fun and wet warrior day.

# Nothing like a wet warrior day

At 7 a.m. sharp, under the rainy German sky, the command was given to "Fall In." With shiny boots and perfectly pressed uniforms, the airmen formed up for an open ranks inspection. Lt. Col. Fred Gortler, 426th IOS commander, carefully inspected each airman, ensuring all were fit for battle. Upon completion of the inspection, the unit warriors were ordered to grab their gear and head up the hill to test their leadership and team building skills. It was time to get those sharply pressed uniforms and polished boots dirty.

Once the warriors reached the wet and muddy battlefield, they were split into four teams. Unlike the unit's first two Warrior Spirit Days, the warriors were not split into teams based on their duty sections. Each Warrior Spirit III's team consisted of representatives from each of the unit's 13 Air Force specialties. The airmen would have to learn to work with unit members they were not usually assigned to work with.

After splitting into their respective teams, 1st Lt. Wendie Mount, Mission Support Flight commander and Warrior Spirit Day coordinator, provided instructions and guidance for the day's events. The warriors then received a self-aid and buddy care briefing emphasizing the importance of SABC.

"Most people who survived Khobar Towers survived because they were injured near someone who knew and performed self-aid and buddy care," MSgt. Richard Brown from the 86th Medical Group explained. He reminded the warriors of the two most important phrases to remember in regards to SABC. If there is a hole - plug it, and if it is bent - splint it. He then demonstrated how to splint a broken bone and how to take care of special wounds, such as impaled body parts and sucking chest wounds.

The 426th's own top cop, TSgt. Robert Irwin, then briefed proper patrolling techniques. He emphasized the need for silence and speed while patrolling through enemy or unknown territory. It is imperative that all members leave the area unseen and unheard.

It was then Gortler's turn to inspire the troops. He commented on the need for good communication among team members, and most importantly, leadership from all members of the team, not just the team captains. "Every airman is a leader," he said.

It was then time for the teams to huddle together and develop their war-fighting strategy, as well as decide on names for the teams. The Alpha Dawgs and Mud Pigs were first up on the volleyball court. Chem-gear volleyball gave the Dawgs and Pigs an opportunity to practice teamwork and show their knowledge of the various MOPP-levels. After scoring five points, all players were



*A1C Deb Reed leads a team of stretcher bearers on the obstacle course. Stretcher bearers are Capt. Shawn McCamish, TSgt. Damon Voros, AB David Johnson and SSgt. Cameron Jones.*

required to go to MOPP-level 1 and don the appropriate gear. After scoring 10 points, they went to MOPP-level 2. By the 20-point mark, all players were in MOPP-level 4 and wearing their entire chem suit. Teams were penalized points for players that did not have their gear worn correctly for each MOPP-level.

Those members of the Alpha Dawgs and "Mud Pigs" not participating in chem-gear volleyball, were taking part in an exercise designed to test their knowledge of SABC. Team members were given a variety of scenarios describing injuries that had been incurred by one of their teammates. They were then told to perform SABC on the injured team member. Points

were given or deducted depending on how well SABC was carried out.

While the Alpha Dawgs and Mud Pigs were battling it out on the volleyball court and SABC station, the C How You Doin' and Delta Dragons teams were busy on the obstacle course. The teams were sent out on patrol to gather materials and rescue personnel. After low crawling under camouflage netting and tackling the dreaded tire obstacle, the patrol entered enemy territory, where they faced many threats, including

sniper fire. If the team was observed not using proper patrolling techniques, the enemy sniper team shot the offender with water balloons and flour bombs. After retrieving the materials, the team had to once again hone their low crawling skills before returning to their safe area. Points were given to each team based on the amount of time it took each team to accomplish their missions.

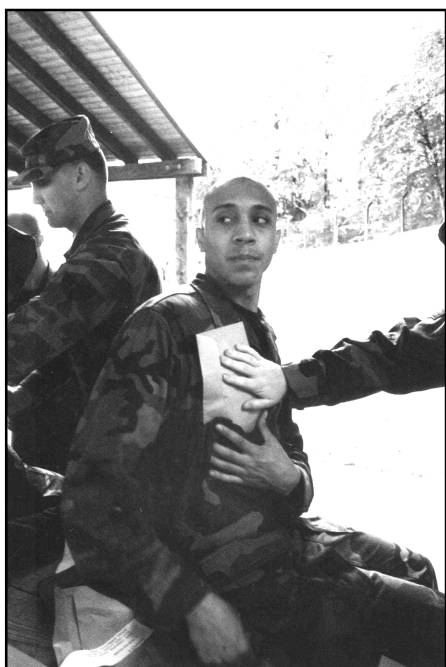
The final event was a chem-gear / AFMAN 10-100 relay. While some team members were running from side to side and performing push-ups and sit-ups, the rest of the team was answering questions about AFMAN 10-100. While all the events required the team captain to determine everyone's strengths and weaknesses, none did so more than this event. Those with more physical stamina ran and performed push-ups and sit-ups, while those with a strong knowledge of AFMAN 10-100 stayed behind and answered questions.

In the end, it was the Alpha Dawgs that came out victorious. According to the Dawg team captain, Capt. Gerald Ramsey, communication was the key to their victory.

Whether they were on the winning team or not, all unit warriors learned valuable lessons about leadership and teamwork.

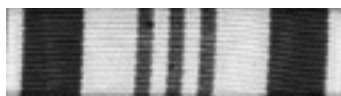
"On different occasions, we had to switch up and take lead. Even I got to be the leader," said AB David Johnson. Despite the rainy weather, most airmen enjoyed Warrior Spirit Day III.

Only SMSgt. Michael Goss had a complaint about the day's events. "It's not fair that you can't spike the ball in chem-gear volleyball. There's nothing like spiking in MOPP-level 4."



*AB David Johnson receives first aid during self aid and buddy care exercises.*





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**TSgt. Paul McClelland**

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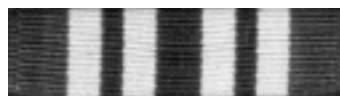
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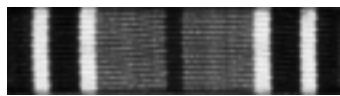
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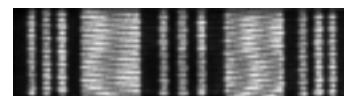
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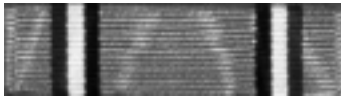
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U.S. Army Col. David Kirk, deputy commander of the Joint Information Operations Center, along with Army SSgt. Shannon Johnson, youngest member of the U.S. Army Element at the JIOC, cuts the birthday cake during the 226th Army birthday celebration in San Antonio.



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## 93rd IS airman trades in stripes

**Name:** SrA. Scott Dickerson

**Hometown:** Syracuse, N.Y.

**Education:** B.A. International Studies,  
Appalachian State University; Boone,  
N.C.; 1996

*By SSgt. John Waldron  
93rd IS  
Lackland AFB, Texas*

At a time when most of his fellow senior airmen are studying hard in the hopes of putting on their next stripe, SrA. Scott

Dickerson has his eyes on a bigger prize - gold bars.

Currently serving as a linguist with the 93rd IS, Dickerson recently learned that he was selected from hundreds of airmen and civilian applicants to attend Officers Training School later this year.

"I think what really made the difference was the help I received from the chain of command," he explains. "Everyone was very supportive and all the suggestions that I received were extremely helpful in putting together my package."

Dickerson, who enlisted in the Air Force in 1998, says he eventually would like to work in a career field that will allow him to put his college education to use. "Initially I will probably serve as an intelligence officer. But if the opportunity presents itself I hope to work overseas as a foreign affairs officer."

